



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
NORTH DAKOTA SAFETY MONTH
JUNE 2009

WHEREAS, preventable injuries are the fifth leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, motor vehicle crashes are the primary cause of preventable deaths, claiming 43,000 lives each year; and

WHEREAS, falls are the leading cause of non-fatal injuries for most age groups and the leading cause of unintentional death among Americans 73 years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, back strain and other forms of overexertion are a primary source of workplace injuries, responsible for nearly 3.5 million injuries every year; and

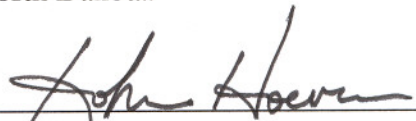
WHEREAS, preventable injuries cost the U.S. more than \$680 billion annually and cause hardship for individuals and their families; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Safety Council is working to prevent injuries and deaths at work, in homes, throughout communities and on the roads through leadership, research, education and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, summer is a time of increased rates of preventable injuries and death and an appropriate time to focus attention on injury prevention; and

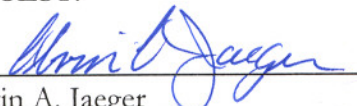
WHEREAS, the National Safety Council, the North Dakota Safety Council and other organizations across the state are working together to provide a month-long public education campaign to promote the importance of safe and healthy living for North Dakota's citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 2009, **SAFETY MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State